



**City of Moorhead  
City Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM  
Hjemkomst Center**

*Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Hjemkomst Center on October 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM.*

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Shelly Dahlquist	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Matthew Gilbertson	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heather Nesemeier	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Laura Caroon	Present
Mayor:	Shelly Carlson	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Larry Seljevoid	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Lindaas	Present

**City Council Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Consent Agenda

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8

5. Recognitions & Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition

Minutes: Mayor Carlson presented the MoorHeart recognition to Cani Adan. Cani works at the Afro American Development Center but also volunteers in many capacities, including serving as Chair of the Moorhead Human Rights Commission.

B. Recognition: 2020 Census Complete Count Committee

Minutes: Mayor Carlson and the City Council recognized members of Moorhead's Census Complete Count Committee for their dedication, success, and service on the 2020 U.S. Census.

C. Presentation: The Lotus Center Inc., Sarah Opitz

Minutes: Sarah Opitz, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Lotus Center presented a concept for a proposed Recovery Engaged Community (REC) system in Clay County.

6. Approve Minutes

A. September 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve September 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Larry Seljevold**

Motion Passed

For: 8

7. Citizens Addressing the Council (Time Reserved: 15 Minutes)

8. \*Mayor and Council Appointments

**Public Hearings (5:45 p.m.)**

9. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Special Assessments for Public Improvements for Various Construction Projects

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Tom Trowbridge, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the special assessments for public improvements for various construction projects. Residents did reach out and questions were answered by the Engineering Department. Business owners Charles Stattelmann and Aaron Junke addressed the council regarding the assessment on 16<sup>th</sup> Street North.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

A. Resolution to Approve Adoption Special Assessments for Public Improvements for Various Construction Projects

**Motion to Approve Adoption Special Assessments for Public Improvements for Various Construction Projects along with directing staff to allow a one-year deferral of the assessment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N and 16<sup>th</sup> St N project (Eng. No. 21-A2-02) if the property owners request it and enter into a special assessment agreement with the City governing the terms of the special assessment and to forward such agreements and recommendations to the Council made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8

10. Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance 2021-12: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 2, Chapter 5, Article A of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Tobacco

**Motion to Open Public Hearing made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 8

Minutes: Residents addressed the City Council in support and opposition to the proposed change to Moorhead's tobacco ordinance.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Deb White**

Motion Passed

For: 8

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 2021-12: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 2, Chapter 5, Article A of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Tobacco

**Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2021-12: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 2, Chapter 5, Article A of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to Tobacco made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas**

Motion Passed

For: 7

Against: 1 - Gilbertson

**Community Development Department**

- 11. \*Consider Actions Relating to Ordinance 2021-13: An Ordinance to Amend and Enact Section 10 of Chapter 7 of Title 3 of the Moorhead Municipal Code Relating to a Sheep Grazing Pilot Program

- A. Second Reading

- B. Title and Summary

- 12. \*Resolution to Approve Vacation of Right of Way and Easements within Riverside Acres 2nd Subdivision

**Police Department**

- 13. Consider First Reading (Tabled at September 27, 2021 Meeting) of Ordinance 2021-16: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 5, Chapter 4, Section 5-4-2 of the Moorhead City Code Relating to All-Terrain and Recreational Vehicles

Minutes: Police Chief Shannon Monroe presented background on the proposed ordinance change for ATV use within the city. Currently, a permit from the DNR is for off-road use. This ordinance change will require a local permit to operate.

**Motion to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2021-16: An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Title 5, Chapter 4, Section 5-4-2 of the Moorhead City Code Relating to All-Terrain and Recreational Vehicles including a permit fee for \$30.00/3 years made by Matthew Gilbertson and seconded by Larry Seljevold**

Motion Passed

For: 8

**Moorhead Public Service**

- 14. \*Award Bid for Tree Trimming (North)

- 15. \*Award Bid for Contract Hauling and Disposal Services for Lime Residuals from Water Treatment Plant

## Other

### 16. Mayor and Council Reports

Minutes: Council members and City staff attended and participated in Indigenous Peoples Day activities on Monday, October 11. Council member Nesemeier thanked the community for its support and effort that went into the day of events. She added Moorhead Public Schools invites parents and communities to participate in the Equity and Inclusion survey. More information can be found on the [Moorhead Public Schools website](#).

Council member White attended a community meeting hosted by the Engineering Department in regards to the Midtown Trail. Construction is slated to begin in Spring 2022. CM White thanked Tom Trowbridge and staff for involving and working with the community through the process.

Council member Lindaas shared that the Airport Committee has been approached about potentially the name of the Moorhead airport to honor one of Moorhead's local 'fly girl' Florence Klingensmith.

Mayor Carlson shared information on a recent trip to Washington D.C. to lobby for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street underpass as a RAISE grant and other projects, such as the FM Diversion and Red River control structure. Mayor Carlson also thanked Lisa Bode, Bob Zimmerman, and MN Department of Transportation Engineer Justin Knoff. She added the groundbreaking for the expansion in south Moorhead for a new First International Bank was well attended. The Moorhead Public Schools' Career Academy grand opening and tour went well. She stated the Career Academy is a big asset to the City of Moorhead. The Mayor also congratulated Moorhead Police Officer Eric Zimmel, who was presented with the Medal of Valor for service.

### 17. City Manager Report

Minutes: Dan Mahli, City Manager had the pleasure to attend the International City and County Managers Association Conference last week and enjoyed seeing colleagues and great educational sessions. In addition, Moorhead's Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz was recognized with 25 years of membership and service to the profession.

### 18. Executive Session (If needed)

A. Executive Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.04 for Labor Negotiations

**Motion to Enter Closed Session at 7:38pm made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Laura Caroon**

Motion Passed

For: 8

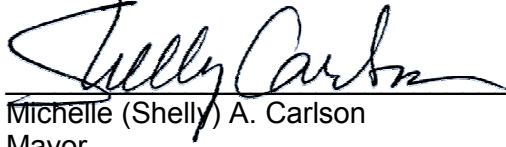
Minutes: Exited Executive Session at 8:22pm

### 19. New Business


### 20. Citizens Addressing the Council (continued, if necessary)

Council meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

APPROVED BY:

  
Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Christina Rust  
City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.